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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

In a restriction/election requirement dated January 29, 2003, the Examiner required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, directed to claims 1-28, Group II, directed to claim 29, Group III, directed to claims 30-33, and Group IV, directed to claims 34-41.

Additionally, the Examiner required election between various alleged patentably distinct species of the invention. These species initially included Species A, B, C, and D.

During two telephone conversations with Examiner Landrem on July 24 and 25, 2003, the undersigned was informed that—in addition to the initial Species A, B, C, and D—the Applicants may elect a Species E, which is disclosed in Figures 12-19 and 22-32.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, Species E, without traverse. Claims 1-28 read on the elected species.

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